

Recap of Traffic Fatalities

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Traffic Deaths Through March 31, 2003

The following tables show the numbers of reported traffic fatalities that occurred on Washington roadways between January 1, 2003 and March 31, 2003.

When comparing the first three months of 2003 to the previous 4-year average:

- Statewide traffic deaths declined 21.7%, from 140.5 to 110.
- Urban deaths declined 25.8%, from 44.5 to 33.
- Rural deaths declined 19.8%, from 96 to 77.
- State Routes/US Highways experienced a 22.0% decrease in deaths, from 51.3 deaths to 40.
- County road traffic deaths were virtually unchanged.
- Traffic deaths that occurred on city streets were down by 15%, from 32 to 27. Vehicle occupant deaths declined by 19.1%, down to 94 deaths from 116 deaths.

2003 Preliminary Data*

Traffic deaths and travel - year-to-date through March 31, 2003 Preliminary Five-year trend

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	'03 chg from prev 4-yr avg	'99-'02 4-year average
Deaths	110	149	141	133	139	-21.7%	140.5
By urban/rural areas++							
Urban	33	45	44	45	44	-25.8%	44.5
Rural	77	104	97	88	95	-19.8%	96.0
By road types							
Interstate highways	7	17	22	18	10	-	16.8
State/US highways	40	46	48	56	55	-22.0%	51.3
County roads	36	50	37	26	40	-5.9%	38.3
City streets	27	34	30	32	31	-15.0%	31.8
Other roadways	0	2	4	1	3	-	2.5
Statewide Travel**	n/a	12.76	12.25	12.26	11.95	-	12.3
Death rate+							
Statewide (all roadways)	-	1.17	1.15	1.08	1.16	-	1.1
Status of persons killed							
Vehicle occupants	94	119	114	113	119	-19.1%	116.3
Pedestrians	13	21	20	13	14	-	17.0
Motorcyclists	1	6	5	4	5	-	5.0
Bicyclists	2	3	2	2	1	-	2.0

Fatalities for 2003 reported as of 04/03/03; number is subject to change as additional reports and revisions are received. The preliminary numbers may reflect changes in transmittal practices. Figures from previous years are also preliminary at the close of March.

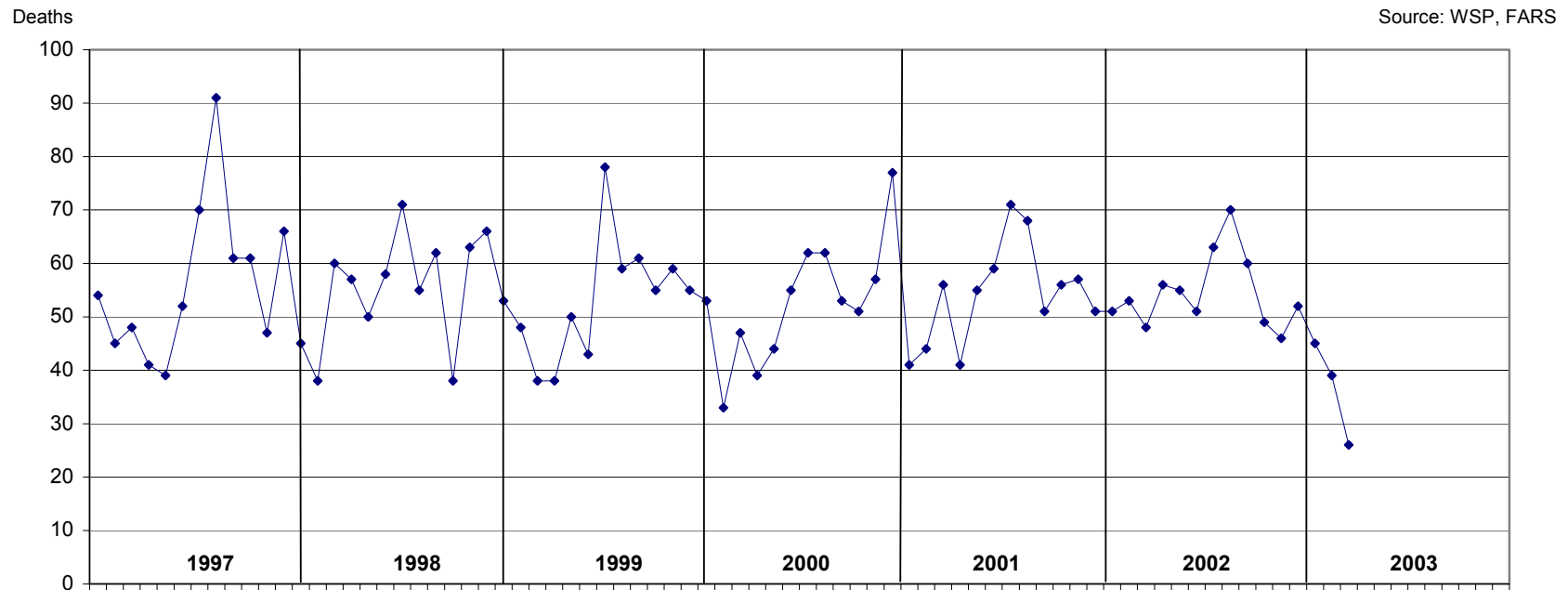
**Vehicle miles traveled by all types of motor vehicles. In billions; mileage estimated by WTSC based upon preliminary data from WSDOT.

+ Deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

++ Urban/Rural as reported by WSP. The WSP urban/rural indicator is based on city boundary and population. For cities over 25,000 population, it is urban within city limit. Unincorporated area is rural. For cities under 25,000 population, both incorporated and unincorporated areas are rural. The WSP urban/rural definitions differ from that by FHWA.

Source: WSP (fatality figures), WSDOT (VMT figures)

Preliminary Monthly Traffic Deaths in Washington 1997-2003 7-Year Trend



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Recap of Traffic Deaths by Status of Person Killed

As of 04/03/2003

Preliminary Data

	motorcyclists					pedestrians					pedalcyclists					occupants					others					total				
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	2003	2001	2000	1999	1998
Jan	1	3	0	1	2	7	9	7	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	37	37	34	43	44	0	0	0	0	0	45	49	41	52	53
Feb	0	0	4	1	2	1	8	6	4	5	1	3	2	1	0	37	41	32	27	41	0	0	0	0	0	39	52	44	33	48
ytd	1	3	4	2	4	8	17	13	11	12	1	3	2	2	0	74	78	66	70	85	0	0	0	0	0	84	101	85	85	101
Mar	0	3	1	2	1	5	4	7	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	20	41	48	43	34	0	0	0	0	0	26	48	56	47	38
ytd	1	6	5	4	5	13	21	20	13	14	2	3	2	2	1	94	119	114	113	119	0	0	0	0	0	110	149	141	132	139
Apr		6	2	2	4		5	5	7	3		0	1	0	1		41	33	29	30		0	0	1	0		52	41	39	38
ytd		12	7	6	9		26	25	20	17		3	3	2	2		160	147	142	149		0	0	1	0		201	182	170	177
May		7	9	2	2		2	5	2	3		3	0	0	1		41	41	40	44		0	0	0	0		53	55	44	50
ytd		19	16	8	11		28	30	22	20		6	3	2	3		201	188	182	193		0	0	1	0		254	237	214	227
Jun		5	9	4	6		5	3	3	3		1	0	3	0		41	46	45	34		0	1	1	0		52	59	56	43
ytd		24	25	12	17		33	33	25	23		7	3	5	3		242	234	227	227		0	1	2	0		306	295	269	270
Jul		7	7	10	5		5	5	4	7		1	2	3	2		53	56	45	64		1	0	0	0		67	70	62	78
ytd		31	32	22	22		38	38	29	30		8	5	8	5		295	290	272	291		1	1	2	0		372	365	331	348
Aug		12	7	5	6		6	5	7	5		0	0	2	2		49	56	48	46		2	0	0	0		69	68	62	59
ytd		43	39	27	28		44	43	36	35		8	5	10	7		344	346	320	337		3	1	2	0		439	433	393	407
Sep		6	7	5	3		9	6	8	3		0	3	1	1		45	34	39	54		0	1	0	0		60	51	53	61
ytd		49	46	32	31		53	49	44	38		8	8	11	8		389	380	359	391		3	2	2	0		499	483	446	468
Oct		3	4	4	3		6	10	7	6		1	0	0	0		45	41	39	45		0	1	0	1		55	56	50	55
ytd		52	50	36	34		59	59	51	44		9	8	11	8		434	421	398	436		3	3	2	1		554	538	496	522
Nov		1	0	0	0		5	5	5	10		2	0	0	0		39	52	51	49		0	0	0	0		47	57	56	59
ytd		53	50	36	34		64	64	56	54		11	8	11	8		473	473	449	485		3	3	2	1		601	595	552	581
Dec		0	3	0	2		5	10	10	6		0	0	1	1		44	38	66	46		2	0	0	0		51	51	77	55
Ttl	1	53	53	36	36	13	69	74	66	60	2	11	8	12	9	94	517	511	515	531	0	5	3	2	1	110	655	649	631	637

Source: Washington State Patrol; Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)